

*Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Essex Place – 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131*

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – Thursday, November 20, 2025

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Roll Call –

Present – Christine Krol, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison, Jr.
Administration Present – Bob Mengerink, Jennifer Dodd, Steve Rogaski, Andrew Pizzulo

Public Participation – There was none.

Resolution #2025-11-01 – Amend Agenda

Motion: William L. Morrison, Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage
Ayes: William L. Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-11-01.01 – Approve Amended Agenda

Add Executive Session to the agenda and approve as amended.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz
Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Carol Fortlage, Christine Krol, William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Presentation – Eileen Stanic, Meeder Investments

Ms. Stanic provided a handout for the group and reviewed ESCNEO's investment portfolio.

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Resolution #2025-11-02 – Approve Governing Board Policy

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the following revised Governing Board policy.

- FO-2 Purchases

Motion: Carol Fortlage; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-11-02.01 - Executive Session

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio enters Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matters.

Time Enter: **10:10 a.m.**

Time Exit: **11:05 a.m.**

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by George Klepacz

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Carol Fortlage, William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Resolution #2025-11-03 - Accept the October 2025 Financial Statements

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio hereby accepts the Treasurer's Financial Statements as of October 31, 2025, which includes the following reports: General Fund Analysis Report, Cash Position Financial Report by Fund, Schedule of Investments, Bank Reconciliation, and Check Register.

Motion: William L. Morrison, Jr.; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: William L. Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, Anthony Miceli

Motion approved 5-0

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Resolution #2025-11-04 - Approve Consent Agenda

Be It Resolved that the Governing Board of the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio approves the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- a. Minutes of October 30, 2025 Regular Meeting
- b. List of Personnel Changes
- c. List of OSTs New Substitute Teachers
- d. List of OSTs Substitute Teacher Renewals
- e. Positive Education Program Monthly Supplemental Wages List

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by Carol Fortlage

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol, William L. Morrison, Jr.

Motion approved 5-0

Other Board Business

Board Member Reports and Comments-Please report on one session from OSBA.

Ms. Fortlage – Discussed Bob Gillingham (FinMango.org) teaching finance to school children and retraining the algorithm to deliver educational content to YouTube and other platforms.

Mr. Klepacz – Discussed the John Quiñones show. Voucher lawsuit filed in 2021 and found unconstitutional by Franklin County Court. State has appealed, likely to end up in Ohio Supreme Court.

Dr. Krol – Discussed the OSBA luncheon speaker Erin Gruwell.

Mr. Miceli – Expressed gratitude to Dr. Mengerink for the award nomination. John Quiñones – What do you do when no one is looking? State Superintendent currently focuses on quality of service to kids and district leadership knowing their data.

Mr. Morrison, Jr. – Leadership and Board member session. Applause for Mr. Miceli's award for Board Service. Discussion of Ms. Laila Ali keynote address.

Future Agenda Items

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Adjournment - Resolution #2025-11-05 Time: 12:22 p.m.

Motion: Anthony Miceli; seconded by William L. Morrison, Jr.

Ayes: Anthony Miceli, William L. Morrison, Jr., Carol Fortlage, George Klepacz, Christine Krol

Motion approved 5-0

Next Regular Board Meeting
December 18, 2025 @ 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings
Governing Board Work Session, December 1, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.
Facilities Committee, December 18, 2025, Immediately Following Board Meeting

Upcoming Conferences
AESA Annual Conference: December 3 – 5, 2025 (Colorado Springs, CO)
NSBA Annual Conference: April 10 - 12, 2026 (San Antonio, TX)

Minutes submitted by Andrew Pizzulo, Treasurer

Minutes approved 12/18/2025



President



Treasurer

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